

Remarks

The herein submitted continuation reissue application is being filed prior to the issuance of RE37008 which will soon result from the filing of the parent reissue application no. 09/325,122. The assignee intends to file a cross-reference to this continuation reissue application in reissued patent no. RE37008 by requesting a Certificate of Correction as suggested in MPEP 1451.

The accompanying specification and claims, submitted in column copy format, include Claims 38-57 that are comparable to Claims 15-20 of the original U.S. Patent No. 5,635,235. The primary difference is that the preamble of Claims 38-57 do not describe the hopper as having a "side wall" and a "bottom wall". Additionally, base claim 38 includes a "forcing" step but not a "removing gas bubbles" step, base claim 45 includes a "removing gas bubbles" step but not a "forcing" step, and base claim 52 includes both steps as set forth in original base Claim 15. Finally, Claims 38-57 now specify a "projection" rather than "projections".

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if it appears that a telephone conference would further this case in any way.

Respectfully submitted,


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